

## Advisory Council for Pain Management Conference Call May 25, 2005

**Attendees:** Rep. Kevin Threlkeld, Raymond Tait, Deanna Bates, Lori Ladd, Ron Cates, Nancie McAnaug, Desiree Mowry

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Department Update</b>	<p>Ron Cates gave the update on what happened during the legislative session to affect the Department of Health and Senior Services.</p> <p>In the past, state government has been somewhat confusing to constituents who are trying to locate a service because many services overlap within state agencies. Consequently, all the in-home care services will now be handled by DHSS, whereas before they were in different agencies.</p> <p>As a result of the new programs the department is obtaining, our budget went from \$4 billion to \$8 billion. There were not many reductions to the department. The main reductions were in department staff. There was \$14.9 million in staff reductions. 200 positions were eliminated in total (121 employees left employment and 79 vacant positions were not filled).</p> <p>Representative Threlkeld noted that the legislature had a lot of faith in DHSS and that is the reason that many of programs are coming to the department.</p> <p>Currently there is a commission that is looking at the structure of state government. There hasn't been a state reorganization in over 30 years.</p>	FYI.
<b>Pain and Symptom Management Website</b>	<p>The website is not yet complete but should be fairly soon.</p> <p>Barb Brendel had mentioned that members of the council were going to email information you wanted to see on the website.</p>	<p>Desiree Mowry will email you the link for you to look over the website before it is put on DHSS's webpage.</p> <p>Please email Desiree at <a href="mailto:Desiree.Mowry@dhss.mo.gov">Desiree.Mowry@dhss.mo.gov</a> with anything you want put on the website, i.e. Frequently Asked Questions, Pain Management</p>

		definitions, or any ideas for additions.
<b>Position Statements</b>	The council had previously been looking to create a position statement to define their stance on pain management, as well as to help define their goals.	Desiree Mowry will compile some examples of positions statements from other states and submit them for the council's review.
<b>Mission of Council</b>	<p>In the past, the council has had problems with the Board of Healing Arts in that they did not want to add anything to the Med School Curriculum or Continuing Education Curriculum regarding pain management.</p> <p>The council members stated that they wanted to change the substance act. However, the department has had difficulty with how controlled substances are provided in regards to narcotics.</p>	<p>The council stated that their first step as a council should be to increase awareness of pain management issues and then take further steps next year.</p> <p>Susan McCann, the Narcotics Chief will come speak at the next Council meeting.</p>
<b>Collaboration Letter</b>	Dr. Raymond Tait drafted a letter aimed at getting different Missouri health care organizations together for a meeting regarding pain management.	Desiree Mowry will work with Ron Cates to edit the letter.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	With only a few members on the conference call, no date for the next meeting could be decided upon.	Desiree Mowry will send out an email to find a convenient time for everyone.

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Chair, Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management

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